

PINE TREE STATE IS NATION'S ARENA

BULGARS GET
GROUND LOST
IN LAST WAR

Berlin Reports Serious Riots
in Rumania Over Joining
the Entente Allies.

ATHENS IN TURMOIL

Germans Launch Repeated
Unsuccessful Attacks by
Night on the Somme.

Berlin, Sept. 11 (by wireless to
Saville).—The Entente
peers, Azeet, says that the Bulgars
are who are invading eastern Rumania
have taken possession of
virtually all the Dobrudja territory,
which Bulgaria was com-
pelled to surrender to Rumania at
the time of the second Balkan war.
All Bulgaria is celebrating the vic-
tories gained over the Russians
and Rumanians.

Still Fight for Ginchy.

Berlin, Sept. 11. (via London, 4:50
p. m.)—The British followed their
great attack of Saturday on the
Somme front by vigorous assaults over
smaller portions of the line yesterday.
Today's official report says these as-
saults were repulsed.

"Fresh fighting has been in pro-
gress since early this morning for pos-
session of Ginchy and the ground
southeast of that point," the statement
continues.

"Near Longueval and in the small
wood of Leuze, between Ginchy and
Comblanchien, advanced trenches remained
in the hands of the enemy."

"The French attacked in vain south
of the Somme, near Belloy and Ver-
mandovillers. We recaptured a few
houses in Berny and took more than
thirty prisoners."

"The German and sharp artillery
fired occurred east of the Meuse (Ver-
dan front)."

On Macedonian Front.

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Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 11.—Can-
celling all engagements, President
Wilson left here early today to go to
the bedside of his sister, Mrs. A. E.
Howe, who is critically ill at her home
in New London, Conn. The president
motored to New York and will finish
the trip by train.

The president arose before 7 o'clock,
after having spent a restless night. He
appeared greatly concerned over his
sister's illness.

The departure of the president did
not delay the opening today of the
summer executive offices at Asbury
park by a staff of White house clerks.
New London, Sept. 11.—Mrs. Annie
E. Howe, President Wilson's sister,
who is critically ill of peritonitis and
complications here, passed a comfort-
able night, but is growing weaker, ac-
cording to a statement issued today by
Dr. H. M. Lee, the attending physi-
cian.

MEXICAN ENVOYS
STUDY PROBLEMS

Return of American Troops Seen as
Basis for Plans Dealing With
Police Control of Border.

New London, Conn., Sept. 11.—The
American-Mexican joint commission
resumed today its effort to find a so-
lution for the problems along the in-
ternational boundary. This was the third
joint session. Luis Cabrera, chair-
man of the Mexican delegation, presid-
ed.

Since their meeting three days ago
the American members have devoted
much time to a study of government
reports on the various phases of the
problem.

They are counting also on the per-
sonal knowledge of the situation which
Major General Tasker H. Bliss will be
able to supply on his arrival from
Washington. Before the meeting be-
gan Secretary Lane expressed con-
fidence that a constructive plan of ac-
tion would soon take definite shape.

So far there has been nothing more
than general mention of the Mexican
request that General Pershing's forces
be withdrawn from Mexico. The basis
of the plans for policing the border
have been talked over, however, is the
return of the American troops to their
own territory, ensuring that movement
as the first step toward establishing a
permanent system of protection
against border bandits.

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BRIDGE SPAN
FALLS WITH
FATAL CRASH

Train Into Quebec, Canada,
Brings Large Number of
Injured Workmen.

DEATH LIST UNKNOWN

Structure Across the St.
Lawrence River Is Great-
est of Kind in World.

Quebec, Sept. 11.—The span of
the world's greatest bridge col-
lapsed and fell into the St. Law-
rence river today, with a loss of
life variously estimated.

The company erecting the struc-
ture placed the number of deaths
at upwards of 25, but H. P. Borden,
a member of the Quebec bridge
commission, expressed the opin-
ion that only three persons were
lost.

Several hours after the accident
happened at 10:30 o'clock, a spe-
cial train into Quebec brought 20
men who had been injured.

Nine years ago a similar accident at
the same spot took a toll of 70 lives.
Today 90 men were carried into the
river when the 5,000 ton span, being
raised from pontoons in an engineer-
ing feat designed to complete the
\$17,000,000 cantilever suspension for
transcontinental railway traffic, plun-
ged a distance of 15 feet into the water
and sank 200 feet, perhaps never to be
recovered.

Contradictory stories were told re-
garding the collapse.

The pontoons had been removed and
the span was being lifted by massive
hydraulic jacks when, according to
some of the spectators, the northern
end of the span fell with the breaking
girders. Frantic efforts were made to
place a chain rope around the totter-
ing structure, but with reports like
shells exploding, the remaining sup-
ports snapped and the span disap-
peared with a tremendous splash.

Some observers said the structure
buckled at the center as it fell.

Groups of men at work slipped off
into the water and others were knocked
into space by flying debris. Scores of
craft containing spectators went to the
rescue and their endeavors prevented a
larger loss of life.

Cost of \$17,000,000.

The bridge was being constructed at
a cost of \$17,000,000 in order to shorten
the railway journey from Halifax to
the Canadian northwest by 200 miles.

The central span, which fell today,
weighs more than 5,000 tons and is 640
feet long.

The collapse occurred when the span
was about 15 feet in the air. Early
indications were that the loss of life
would be heavy, for there were 90 men
on the structure when it fell.

The span had been constructed on
pontoons a few miles east of the bridge
site and was towed into position im-
mediately under the gap left in the
anchor arms of the structure.

Chains with links 30 inches in diam-
eter, together with girders, were then
attached to the span and 8,000 ton hy-
draulic jacks commenced the stupendous
task of lifting the span into place.

This work could be accomplished
only a few feet an hour, and as the
distance from the river level to the
floor of the bridge is 150 feet, the en-
gineers had not counted on completing
the operation until the end of this week
or later.

Thousands Witnessed Crash.

The bridge was to have been ready
for train service next spring, marking
an important milestone in Canada's en-
gineering railway history.

The juggling of 5,000 tons of steel
under unprecedented circumstances in the
dominion attracted to the scene today
several thousand spectators, includ-
ing members of parliament and
newspaper men gathered on vessels
furnished by the Canadian government.

Members of the dominion cabinet
witnessed the collapse from the deck
of a government vessel, while Ameri-
can tourists crowded hundreds of other
boats of all classes. Eminent Ameri-
can authorities on bridge buildings
and members of the Australian parlia-
ment returning home after visiting in
Europe, also were on the scene and
river traffic for oceangoing steamships
had been temporarily suspended.

TRIAL FOR SUSPECT
IN COAST BOMB PLOT

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—Warren K.
Billings, who is alleged to have plant-
ed the bomb that exploded along the
line of march of the preparedness
parade here July 22, resulting in the
death of 10 persons, was to be placed
on trial today. Four other suspects
are to be tried later.

A mass meeting was held last night
to raise funds for Billings' defense. It
was arranged by Robert Miner of New
York, acting as the representative of
the Industrial Workers' Defense
League.

SPIRIT OF AMERICAN-MEXICAN JOINT COMMISSION

Iowa Youth
Is Killed by
His Brother

New Liberty, Iowa, Sept. 11.—Fred
Wenzel, 6 years old, of New Liberty,
was shot and killed by his brother
Herman, aged 12, Sunday, with a shot-
gun which had been loaded for a sup-
posed marauder who was thought to
have been poisoning stock on their
farm.

The family had lost a fine stallion
two weeks ago by poisoning and it
was feared that the act might be re-
peated, and the shotgun was loaded
and kept in readiness. The children
were playing with it, and the older
shot and killed the younger.

TRADE UNIONS IN
TRACTION STRIKE

Appeal of Carmen for Help in Struggle
May Involve All in a Sym-
pathetic Walkout.

New York, Sept. 11.—With the lead-
ers of 750,000 labor men of greater
New York and vicinity threatening a
sympathetic strike, traffic on the sub-
way and elevated lines in Manhattan
and the Bronx impeded and the surface
systems in those two boroughs and
Westchester county virtually tied up,
the general strike situation assumed a
more serious aspect today.

Samuel Gompers, president of the
American Federation of Labor, declined
to discuss the probability of a general
strike, but union leaders asserted that
if necessary 50,000 union men could be
called out within six hours.

All members of trade unions
in New York, Yonkers, Mount
Vernon and New Rochelle found
themselves today active factors
in the dispute between the Interbor-
ough Rapid Transit company and its
employees. The various individual
labor organizations in these cities
served by the Interborough and its
subsidiaries companies received the
appeal drafted by the Central Labor
bodies last night, requesting a sym-
pathetic strike of all organized wage
earners in their jurisdiction. "In sup-
port of the contention of the street
railway men for the right to organize."

Since the response must be decided
by vote of members, several days must
elapse before its result will be felt.

Elevated and subway lines continued
running today without apparent inter-
ruption. The strike on the surface
lines has spread rapidly. Union offi-
cials assert 11,600 men were on strike.
Not a car wheel turned all day Sun-
day in Yonkers, Mount Vernon and
New Rochelle, and every surface car
stopped running last night in Man-
hattan and the Bronx also. After these
two boroughs had received an extreme-
ly limited service during the day.

It is expected that the public ser-
vice commission which has been in-
vestigating the strike will make a re-
port some time today, placing respon-
sibility for the situation and throwing
its official influence into the balance to
aid the side whose contention is up-
held.

INSTRUCTS CHURCHES
TO HELP WAR LOAN

Berlin, Sept. 11. (by wireless to
Saville).—Archbishop Dalbor of the
arch diocese of Knesen-Posen has in-
structed the clergy to invest as much
as possible of the funds of their
churches in the new German war loan,
the Overseas News Agency says.

The municipality of Wiesbaden has
subscribed 30,000,000 marks to the
loan.

STATES OF SOUTH
HOLD PRIMARIES

Democrats of Georgia, Louisiana and
South Carolina Will Be at the
Polls on Tuesday.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 1.—Democrats of
Georgia, Louisiana and South Caro-
lina will hold state primaries to-
morrow to select nominees whose later
election is assured, with few excep-
tions, by lack of second party opposi-
tion.

In Louisiana congressional nomi-
nations are to be made and contests
have developed only in the Sixth dis-
trict, where former Governor J. Y.
Sanders and Ames L. Ponder are riv-
als for the place now held by Repre-
sentative L. L. Morgan, and in the
Seventh, where Representative Lad-
las Lazare is opposed for renomination
by T. A. Edwards and A. M. Barbe.

In South Carolina secondary pri-
maries are necessary because no can-
didate for the gubernatorial nomina-
tion got a majority of votes cast in the
first primary held two weeks ago.

Governor Richard L. Manning and for-
mer Governor Cole L. Blease will con-
test again. For the same reason, Repre-
sentative Wyatt Aiken and F. H.
Dominick are opponents in the Third
congressional district.

High Living Cost
DUE FOR PROBING

Housewives' League and City Officials
Up in Arms Against Boosting
Food Prices.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 11.—War has
been declared on the high cost of liv-
ing. The Housewives' league last
night decided at a meeting to organize
today and go before the council to-
night in protest against the recent 20
per cent increase in the price of food.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Housewives of
Chicago were today urged to weigh
the bread they buy and to assist the
city department of weights and mea-
sures in watching local bakers for vi-
olations of the anti-trust laws and the
ordinances against short weights.

The request came from William F.
Cluett, in charge of this part of the
department's work, who announced
that he would have a corps of in-
spectors scattered over Chicago today
to test the weights of loaves.

The announcement by a leading bak-
ing concern Saturday that for several
days it had been cutting down the
weight of its five cent loaf of bread,
was responsible for Mr. Cluett's mes-
sage to Chicago housewives.

The United States district attorney,
the state's attorney and the Chicago
city council have already started in-
vestigations into the bakery situation.

BELL TELEPHONE IS
AFTER RIVAL GROUP

Chicago, Sept. 11.—The fate of a city
ordinance providing for a merger of
Chicago telephone companies was ex-
pected to be decided today by officials
of the American Telephone and Tele-
graph company in New York.

Permission was recently granted by
the local council for the consolidation of
the two companies operating here, but
the ordinance becomes void after
midnight tonight.

The proposed deal provided for the
purchase of the Automatic company
by the Bell concern.

Kills Wife
by Shooting,
Ends Career

Buxton, Iowa, Sept. 11.—Jealousy
was the motive which prompted Louis
Hoffman of this town to kill his wife
and then commit suicide late yester-
day, according to a statement given out
today by the chief of police.

The official said Hoffman's eight-
year-old daughter, who witnessed the
shooting, had told him that yesterday
Hoffman discovered his wife walking
with another man. When Mrs. Hoff-
man returned home, according to the
girl's story, her husband shot her and
then turned the weapon on himself.

NEWSATCAPITAL
TOLD OVER WIRE

New Navy Bill Makes Places for Four
Additional Brigadier Gen-
erals.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Upon his re-
turn here today from Atlantic City,
Secretary Daniels prepared to confer
with Major General Barnett, command-
ing the United States marine corps, re-
garding positions of brigadier general
made by the new navy bill.

Nine are eligible from the list of
colonels. Prominent among those men-
tioned in this connection are colonel
Waller, who commanded the expedi-
tionary force in Haiti; John A. Je-
jeune, attached to marine headquarters
here; Eli K. Cole, who commanded the
first brigade in Haiti and Charles A.
Doyen, commanding the marine bar-
acks here.

A 9.3 per cent increase during Au-
gust in the level of prices paid pro-
ducers for the principal crops was an-
nounced today by the department of
agriculture. During the last eight
years the price level decreased 2.1 per
cent during August.

The increase in that period in the last
six years averaged 1.1 per cent. Esti-
mated number of stock hogs on Sept. 1
was 3.8 per cent less than a year ago.

Henry Ford, through counsel, filed
in the District of Columbia supreme
court today his answer in the \$100,000
libel suit brought against him by the
Navy League of the United States on
account of newspaper advertisements
impugning the motives of the league
and its officers in their preparedness
propaganda.

Mr. Ford does not retract the state-
ments complained of, but declares he
had reason to believe they were true
and that they had been published
broadcast throughout the country and
made often in congress without bring-
ing a denial from the league, so far as
he knew. He points out that he vol-
untarily accepted service in the suit, in
spite of the advice of counsel that he
was not obliged to do so.

Secretary Lansing said today that
another communication from Austro-
Hungary regarding the attack by an
Austrian submarine upon the Ameri-
can oil tanker Petrolite was expected
shortly. The United States demanded
an apology, punishment of the sub-
marine commander and reparation.

SUB GETS COPPER,
THEN SINKS BOAT

Amsterdam, Sept. 11 (via London,
10:50 a. m.)—The Norwegian steamer
Lindborg, bound from London for Rot-
terdam, has been sunk by a submarine,
according to Algerneen Handelsblad.

The crew of the submarine stripped
the steamer of all copper objects be-
fore blowing her up. The crew of the
Lindborg has been landed.

MAINE VOTE
BATTLE GOES
BRISK TODAY

First Gun Fired in Fall Elec-
tions Is Heard Through-
out the Country.

VICTORY IN BALANCE

Democrats of Eastern Com-
monwealth Make Strug-
gle for Supremacy.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 11.—Re-
ports at noon from various parts
of the state indicated that a heavy
vote had been cast. Two arrests
for alleged attempts to "repeat"
were made in this city.

Augusta, Me., Sept. 11.—An un-
usually heavy vote was being
polled in all of the counties of
Maine today, according to reports
received at headquarters of the
democratic and republican state
committees.

Frank J. Ham, chairman of the re-
publican committee, declared to-
day that the plurality of his party
probably would exceed 15,000.

William K. Pattangall, manager
of the democratic campaign, ex-
pressed the belief that the state
would go democratic by a narrow
margin.

Voters of Maine to the number of
140,000 or more went to the polls to-
day to elect a governor, two United
States senators, four representatives
in congress, a state legislator and a
state auditor.

National issues have been brought
to the fore and party leaders brought
hundreds of speakers into the state,
including former Justice Hughes, for-
mer Vice President Fairbanks and
members of President Wilson's cabi-
net to persuade the voters to line up
with or against the national exec-
utive and the majority in congress.

Maine, however, is normally republi-
can, and the democratic leaders in-
sisted that something more than a
scant republican victory would be re-
quired to constitute repudiation of
the administration, while a democratic
plurality, however small, would be
accepted by them as an endorsement.

Fighting for Progressive Votes.

Fair weather prevailed and this was
expected to cause a big vote, equally
desired by both sides. A governor,
auditor, four congressmen, two United
States senators and a state legisla-
ture will be chosen.

The state officers are now demo-
cratic and that party has one United
States senator and one of the four
congressmen.

In 1914 the progressives cast 18,226
votes for governor. How their votes
would split today was a matter of dis-
pute. Both sides claim they will re-
ceive sufficient progressive support to
carry the election.

The polls opened at 6 o'clock and
must close not later than 5 p. m.
Many returns will be slow, as some
twenty towns and plantations are with-
out telegraphic or telephonic com-
munication with the outside. However,
the result should be indicated before
midnight.

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 11.—Members
of the Second Marine regiment of na-
tional guardsmen doing duty along
the Mexican border today voted in the
elections held in their state. The pri-
vilege was accorded under a law passed
by Maine during the Civil war author-
izing soldiers in the field to vote.

The ballots will be sealed and for-
warded to the secretary of state of
Maine.

Fire in Steamer's Hold.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 11.—The
steamer Beaver, enroute from Port-
land, Ore., to San Francisco, is racing
for this port with a fire